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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: COMMEMORATIVE ACTIVITIES ON MAO TSE-TUNG'S DEATH

REF: STATE 223122

1. EMBASSY DID NOT RECEIVE INVITATION FROM CHINESE EMBASSY TO SIGN CONDOLENCE BOOK FOR MAO TSE-TUNG. INDIVIDUAL NOTES WERE APPARENTLY SENT ONLY TO EMBASSIES OF THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE PRC.

2. NEVERTHELESS, IN VIEW OF FACT THAT AMBASSADOR HAS SEEN CHINESE AMBASSADOR AT NUMEROUS FUNCTIONS AND THAT HE LATTER WILL SOON BECOME DEAN OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS ON DEPARTURE OF EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR IN OCTOBER, AMBASSADOR DECIDED TO SIGN CONDOLENCE BOOK ANYWAY.

3. BOOK WAS LOCATED IN LOBBY OF PRC EMBASSY NEAR FUNEREAL DISPLAY OF FLOWERS WITH SOMBER CHINESE MUSIC PLAYING IN BACKGROUND. AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED CONDOLENCES TO LINE-UP OF THREE CHINESE EMBASSY OFFICERS ATTIRED IN BLACK MAO SUITS AND THEN DEPARTED AFTER SIGNING BOOK.

4. INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR, WHOSE COUNTRY ALSO DOES NOT HAVE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH PRC, STATED THAT HE WOULD FOLLOW THE SAME PROCEDURE.

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